

**Room 2 Newsletter Term 2, 2015**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2 and especially to Portia as she starts this week. We also look forward to 6 more children joining our lovely group of learners as the term goes on.

No doubt you have found, like me, the sudden change in the weather a shock to the system after such a wonderful summer. Suddenly we are having to adjust to wearing warmer clothing. Our children don’t always make appropriate decisions about what to wear so here’s just a reminder to make sure they are suitably dressed (e.g. singlet or thermal, jacket/raincoat when wet or windy).

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**Clothing:**Winter clothing brings extra challenges for both children and teachers. It is preferable that shoes have Velcro or buckle fastenings rather than laces, unless your child is   
super-duper clever at tying their own!   
Self-tying laces are also a good option.

**All clothing needs to be named**,  
including P.E. gear, underwear, shoes, and ***especially socks***.

P.E. gear must be in a **named plastic bag**. Children will need **P.E. gear every day** for Jump Jam (exercise to music) and also because only children wearing P.E. gear can play on the grass areas and sandpit. Children who like to play ball games on the field will need old clothes as they can get quite muddy.

Please note that hair ties/bands must be the same colours as found on the uniform, and that nail polish is not permitted, according to the uniform code.

**Homework:**

Your child will usually bring   
home two reading books to share   
with you, as well as their poem book. Please share their reading and sign  
 their homework notebook. The readers and poem book must be returned every day; otherwise your child will not be issued with new ones. There may be Religious Education homework to complete and this book must also be returned to school the next day. Bookbags are very important for protecting reading books and homework.

**Library:**

Our library day is   
Wednesday. Your child   
needs a large named  
 book bag to take their library book home e.g. draw string bag, eco shopping bag. Large book bags can be purchased through the school for $3.00.

**Money:**

Please put any money your child   
brings to school in an envelope   
(a used one is fine) with their name, amount and purpose written on the outside to be posted in the banking box just inside the entrance to the office.

When buying lunch, the children must take their money to the office and put it in the box provided. For Friday lunch orders, money must be in by Thursday. I will send someone with them if they don’t know where to go.

**Tissues**

Please would you send along a large box of tissues for the classroom, as we always seem to go through ‘bucket loads’ of them as the Winter bugs begin to appear.

**Email Contact**

If you wish to be contacted by email for any reason, please send you preferred email address to [judy@stpatta.co.nz](mailto:judy@stpatta.co.nz) .

**Study Topics:**

Inquiry Learning: **Sounds on the Move** (Science/Technology)

Music/Visual Art: Instrument Making

RE: Traditional Prayer, Holy Spirit, God the Creator

Maths: Number, Weight, Sequential Patterns

PE: Ball Skills, Jump Jam, Skipping

**Toys**

Toys, other than balls and tennis racquets (named) or those for the alphabet table, are not to be brought to school.

Remember: You are very welcome to come in before or after school with any concerns or questions, keeping in mind that some days I have commitments e.g. staff meetings.

Thank you so much for your support.

God Bless

Judy Graham

**New Entrant Wikispace:**

This can be found through the class pages on the school website:  
<http://www.stpatta.co.nz> .

**Letter of the Week:**

Each week we focus on a new alphabet letter. Children are encouraged to bring something starting with that letter for our display table. If your child is unsure of that letter and the sound it makes, here’s an opportunity to do some fun activities about it at home (Refer to your child’s alphabet card for ideas).